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S. RES. 529

Designating July 13, 2006, as “National Summer Learning Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas all students experience measurable loss of mathematics and reading skills when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer months;

Whereas summer learning loss is greatest for low-income children, who often lack the academic enrichment opportunities available to their more affluent peers;

Whereas summer learning loss contributes significantly to the gaps in achievement between low-income children, including minority children and children with limited English proficiency, and their more affluent peers;

Whereas structured enrichment and education programs are proven to accelerate learning for students who participate in such programs for several weeks during the summer;

Whereas in the BELL summer programs, students gain several months worth of reading and mathematics skills through summer enrichment, and in the Teach Baltimore Summer Academy, students enrolled for 2 summers gain 70 to 80 percent of a full grade level in reading, and thousands of students in similar programs experience measurable gains in academic achievement;

Whereas Summer Learning Day is designed to highlight the need for more young people to be engaged in summer learning activities and to support local summer programs that benefit children, families, and communities; and

Whereas a wide array of schools, public agencies, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, museums, libraries, and summer camps in many States across the United States will celebrate the annual Summer Learning Day on July 13, 2006: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates July 13, 2006, as “National
3 Summer Learning Day” to raise public awareness
4 about the positive impact of summer learning oppor-
5 tunities on the development and educational success
6 of our Nation’s children;

7 (2) urges the people of the United States—

8 (A) to promote summer learning activities
9 to send young people back to school ready to
10 learn;

1 (B) to support working parents and their
2 children; and

3 (C) to keep our Nation's children safe and
4 healthy during the summer months; and

5 (3) urges communities to celebrate, with appro-
6 priate ceremonies and activities, the importance of
7 high-quality summer learning opportunities in the
8 lives of young students and their families.

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